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Above: The O'Gorman boys soccer team celebrates as they win their first state soccer tournament title since 2002. The team edged out Lincoln in the championship match by winning a shoot-out.

Right: Katie Schwebach returns a serve during a tennis match versus Rapid City Stevens. The O'Gorman girls' tennis team won the title once again at the state tennis tournament.



KNIGHT SCROLL

## O'Gorman affected by H1N1 virus; sickness sparks influx of absences

Domenica Gilbert  
Abby Meyers

As the temperature begins to drop, faculty and students are finding that the elusive swine influenza A virus, or H1N1, is rapidly creeping into O'Gorman's hallways.

In the past month, the school has experienced the most absences ever recorded in its history. With close to 200 students absent on a given day, teachers are working to cope with this dilemma.

"When you have multiple students gone because of illness, adjustments have to be made," said Mr. Doug Lindner, a social studies teacher. "By adjust-

ing the daily schedule, getting copies of notes, and sending some work home, we have been able to keep most everyone up to date."

Teachers are not the only ones for which missing school has become something to deal with.

"With all the students gone, it starts to worry me that I'll be the next one to be affected," said senior Madeline Fritz. "I really don't want to miss school because it is so hard to make up."

Questions have begun to arise concerning what the school will do in response to this issue and more

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## Bullying takes new form; administrators keep vigilant watch

Domenica Gilbert  
Becky Jarding

Although high school is supposed to be a time for personal growth and development of friendships, not every student is able to enjoy this positive adolescent experience. Bullying, the hindrance of a normal high school experience, is more common in schools that one would think, even at a place like O'Gorman.

"We're not immune from issues related to relational aggression," said assistant principal Mrs. Joan Mahoney. "We do our best to try to keep current with professional development in the area and work with students to improve peer rela-

tions."

According to O'Gorman's student handbook, bullying is defined as "the repeated and intentionally harmful behavior by one or more students directed towards another student." Sometimes, however, harmful behavior includes more than people realize.

Lately, bullying has taken on new forms. It is no longer exclusive to physical violence, as typically portrayed by the media. Through Facebook, texting, and e-mail, individuals are provided with a means to harass their peers without having to endure a face-to-face confrontation.

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## O'Gorman continues latest trend as school adds green options

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Over the past years, an increasingly emphasized issue concerns the depletion of natural resources and what can be done to prevent it. With this in mind, O'Gorman High School is striving to be more "green" in order to make people aware of the issue's significance.

"A small action can have a big impact," said student council president Elizabeth Bunkers.

One of the main efforts this year toward "going green" has been the increase in the number of recycling bins around the school. More

"green" opportunities will arise in the upcoming months.

Sometime either in the winter or the spring, Student Council hopes to host a drive to give students another opportunity to be eco-friendly.

The drive would give students a chance to recycle old batteries, ink cartridges and cell phones. These items are not easy to recycle, and if improperly disposed of, they can contaminate groundwater.

Another potential environmental opportunity may involve hanging up posters around the school to inform the students of why "being green" is important.

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## O'Gorman graduate wins Miss South Dakota title; goes on to represent state at nationwide pageant

Maria Barnett  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Last January Morgan Peck became a strong representative for both South Dakota and O'Gorman High School. She was chosen as Miss South Dakota 2009 and will compete for the title of Miss America in January.

When fliers advertising the pageant were first posted around the campus of the University of South Dakota during Peck's freshman year, Peck was unsure if she could do well in the pageant.

"I really wanted to do it, but I was nervous," says Peck. "I didn't think I could be prepared in

three weeks."

All nerves aside, Peck decided to sign up for the Miss Sioux Empire Fair Pageant in August 2008. She won and moved on to compete for the state title. As contestants prepared for the various portions of the pageant, Peck felt as if she were right at home.

One of the greatest advantages of being Miss South Dakota is the amount of opportunity Peck has encountered. She has sung at a Minnesota Vikings game and has the chance to intern with the Colorado Rockies baseball club during the 2010 season.

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Morgan Peck

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specifically, whether or not classes will be postponed to compensate for all the missing students.

“Basically, we’re aiming to go by what is best for all the students,” said Principal Kyle Groos. “When we find that the school as a whole will benefit from a break from school, we will begin to consider taking action.”

In June of 2009, the World Health Organization declared H1N1 a global pandemic.

While the exact cause of the H1N1 virus is unknown, it is recognized that the infection is a combination of the human, swine, and avian flu viruses.

“Although H1N1 is similar to the swine flu of the past, it didn’t start in pigs this time,” said Dr. Glenn Ridder. “It is only a variation of Influenza A, and there is no need to be worried about eating pork or being around pigs.”

As the H1N1 virus continues to spread, students have become more aware of the symptoms associated with the disease.

Generally, the symptoms are similar to those of the regular flu. Those who have been affected by the virus will experience coughing, fever, body aches, nausea and diarrhea, three to five days after the exposure.

However, it is not advised to see a doctor if one experiences these symptoms.

“It has not been shown to be very severe in most cases,” said Ridder. “The only people that would need treatment are those under the age of five and those comprised by underlying diseases like asthma, diabetes, cancer, or HIV.”

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Unfortunately, one of the largest issues concerning relational aggression is that most of it goes undetected.

“We can’t do anything if we don’t know what is going on,” said school counselor Donna Carlson. “Many times, we don’t hear about the problem until it is too late.”

Every year, O’Gorman experiences a loss of students as a consequence of bullying. Often, rather than seeking help, students choose to start over at a new school.

For those students dealing with harassment issues, steps can be taken to remedy the problem before bullying becomes too much to handle.

Students dealing with a relational aggression issue should alert a trusted adult in the school.

“Nobody should feel like they don’t want to go to school because of bullying,” said Carlson. “Don’t be afraid to talk to someone about it, especially if it affects how you feel about school and academics.”

Once someone in the guidance office has been alerted of a bullying issue, the individual is allowed to choose whether he or she wants Mrs. Mahoney to be informed and actions to be taken against the aggressor.

Anything said to the counselors will be

kept confidential if that is what the student wishes.

This year, O’Gorman has expanded its policy regarding bullying and harassment. The new policy defines harassment, bullying, and cyber-bullying and explains the consequences that each issue entails.

A violation of any of these three can result in detention, suspension or expulsion.

Another way in which the school has been combating relational aggression is through a Peer Relations Task Force.

This group of girls meets with Mrs. Mahoney to better understand social cruelty. Group discussions and role-playing are some of the exercises utilized by the group.

Ideally, the Task Force will eventually expand so that they can visit the Junior High, where bullying is much more of an issue, according to Mahoney.

“Bullying is more common in the younger years of high school because as people mature, they realize they can be friends with people outside of your close-knit group of friends,” said senior Erin Dickes.

Dickes also shares some advice that helped her during her experience in high school.

“Get involved in as many different activities as possible,” said Dickes. “Don’t be afraid to try new things, and don’t think you can’t have friends in different classes.”

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“The connections you can make as Miss South Dakota are invaluable on both a state and national level,” said Peck. “Many supporters of the Miss America Organization are former contestants, and they want you to succeed in life beyond the competition. I definitely intend to carry on that tradition.”

Members of the Miss America Organization are great influences on contestants. The program itself offers scholarships and improves communication skills to help contestants in the real world.

Being in the spotlight is not always as amazing as it seems. Peck has experienced some very embarrassing moments with all eyes watching her, but she does not let the embarrassments cause her to become discouraged.

“Ultimately, no embarrassing moment can diminish accomplishments or erase strengths,” says Peck. “Keeping that in mind helps me stay confident in my abilities, even if I have a few slip-ups along the way.”

While Peck travels and makes appearances she is also continuing her schooling with a full course-load online. She continues to campaign for votes in the January 2010 Miss America Pageant. The Pageant will be broadcast on January 29 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. on TLC.

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## Polish sister inspiration for famous painting and prayer

By Christina Engeman  
Faith Editor

Due to her visions and deep devotion to God, St. Faustina was the inspiration for several well-known religious documents and prayers.

St. Mary Faustina Kowalska was born in Poland on August 25, 1905 as Helen Kowalska. From the early age of 15, she felt her call from God to be a nun. Helen traveled to Warsaw, where she was turned down by each convent she applied to. Her search led her to the Congregation of the Sister of Our Lady of Mercy, and she became Sister Mary Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Faustina is one of the select few saints who have had visions of Jesus and Mary. She kept a diary of these accounts, and in one vision Jesus told her that her purpose was to spread the devotion of the mercy of God.

One of her visions was the inspiration for the famous painting, *The Divine Mercy* by Adolf Hyla. The famous painting of Christ

wearing a white garment with one hand on his chest and the other raised in a blessing notion, came from a vision she had in 1931.

The well-known *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* prayer was the product of another one of St. Faustina's visions. The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is a powerful prayer when in the presence of the dying and is said on Divine Mercy Sunday, as designated by Pope John Paul II.

Although St. Faustina died on October 5, 1938, she lived on through the controversy that surrounded her diary. After her death, her diary was sent to the Vatican to gain approval before being published for the public to read. Her diary was not approved and was put on the Index of Forbidden Books for twenty years.

However, Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, reinvestigated St. Faustina's work, and her diary and devotion to the Divine Mercy were allowed again. A short time after this discovery, she was canonized as Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000.



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St. Faustina lived her life with devotion to God and inspired others through her visions of Christ.

## Symbols, details important part of restoration project

By Maria Barnett and  
Christina Engeman

As painters and construction workers team up to restore St. Joseph's Cathedral into its past magnificence, elements throughout the church are being highlighted as a sign of their importance in Catholicism.

"A lot of people back in the day didn't read or write well," says Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick. "They learned their Bible stories from visuals."

These elements can be found on the walls, ceilings, and even the very corners of the Church itself. Many are unaware these pictures and symbols exist, but by splashing

some color onto the walls, every detail will be visible to the naked eye.

Pelicans, angels, and the twelve apostles that are incorporated in the church were put there for specific reasons.

"What we have there in that old church is a treasure of Bible stories that aren't in the printed word," says Fr. Fitzpatrick. "For instance, behind the altar are columns that no one ever noticed is lined with pelicans. Pelicans are a huge Bible story because parents used to tell how Christ would die and save our sins."

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## Service, prayer, apostleship main focus of O'G core team

By Cameron Johnson  
Opinion Editor

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, the topic of serving others is coming up more than ever. This is not quite true for the Campus Ministry Core Team, however, because service is not seasonal for them. They have many service projects planned for the entire year.

"I really enjoy the core team, and I hope it gets others to follow our example that we are putting forth," said James Orlando, a junior core team member.

This year the team is participating in many service opportunities within the community. They would like to see, as a result of all their service, others following the example they are setting.

"I'm very thankful for how it's gone so far," said Campus Ministry director Mr. Brian Feller.

Although over 50 students applied to be a part of the core team,

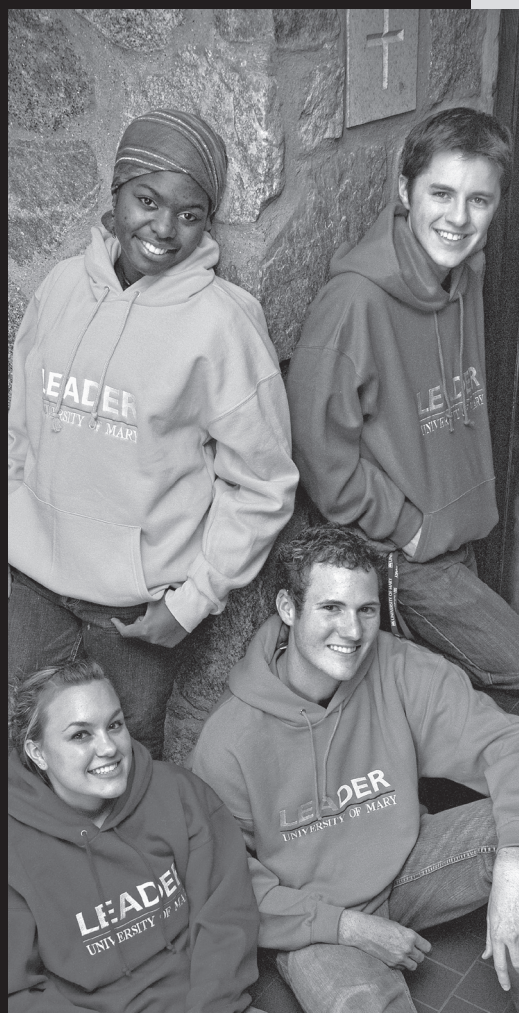
the group is limited to a number of 15 students. They are made up of students from every grade and are under the direction of Mr. Feller.

"[Core team] is like a basketball team," said Feller. "Although you can have only five people on the court, you can still have more on the team. In the same way, you can be on the core team without actually being on the team."

This year, the group hopes to work at becoming young apostles. They plan on doing this through constant prayer. Additional objectives for the core team are to arrange events, publicize them and do service.

One thing outside of the core team that Mr. Feller is doing to increase the young apostleship is the 7:00 a.m. talks with the young men of the school.

"We are all saints in heaven," said Feller. "These strong words remind us of the fact that everyone is a saint and we should act like ones sooner, rather than later."



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Senior Dawn Williams gives blood at last year's blood drive.

## Blood drive to give 2000th donation

Domenica Gilbert  
Co-Editor

As O'Gorman has always found a way to give to the community, students consistently are most generous with a very fundamental necessity. This year, O'Gorman will be giving its 2000th donation at the semi-annual blood drive.

For the last 20 years, O'Gorman has sponsored a blood drive on its campus. Ever since the first time the Bloodmobile found its way onto the school parking lot, a growing number of students have decided to be a part of this special event.

"I've always had a very positive reaction when I ask the kids to sign up to give blood," said anatomy teacher and blood drive coordina-

tor Mr. Doug Peterson. "In these past couple of years, I have had to turn away a few kids each time because the spots fill up so fast."

Students themselves are finding that, aside from helping others, given blood teaches them a valuable life lesson.

"Giving blood is not only helpful, but it teaches humility," said senior Charlotte Michaels. "We are given the opportunity to save the lives of those we don't even know, and this is what service is all about."

Not only do students gain emotional benefits, but they also are able to help the community medically.

"It is always good to get blood from young and healthy donors," said Peterson. "Plus, by getting

young donors, we are able to get a generation of kids that can keep giving in the future."

Because the next blood drive will be a milestone in the history of O'Gorman, students are anxious to sign up.

"If I were the 2000th donor, I would become ecstatic; not too ecstatic so that I could keep my heart rate up though," said Michaels. "Also, I would reward myself by getting extra cookies and stickers."

The blood drive is scheduled to take place November 6. Those who are 17 are free to sign up with Mr. Peterson. Also, those who are 16 can take part in this event with parental consent. All candidates must fill out a health form prior to the donation.

## New club brings appreciation for foreign culture

Zach Dresch  
Entertainment Co-Editor

Finding a new appreciation for foreign art just became a lot easier. This new appreciation to partake in is in the form of a brand new anime club.

The anime club has sophomores Shae Krimmelbein as club president, Kelcie Rushing as vice president, Clarissa VanderWoude as club secretary and junior Liz Cassidy as treasurer.

Activities involved in the club involve discussions and making posters to promote the club.

"I started the club mainly to see how many other anime/manga obsessors or 'Otaku' we have in the school, and to see what kind of people they are," said Krimmelbein. "I talked with a few of my friends about it, and they were all for it."

The club plans on fundraising for different trips that they plan on going on.

They are also working on different techniques, styles, and proportions of drawing that includes different variations of beloved Japanese characters and stories. An influence includes Sailor Moon, a popular anime TV show.

"We want everyone to walk away from any meeting or activity knowing that they had a fun

experience," said Kelcie Rushing. "It's the goal of a club to make sure that everybody has an enjoyable time."

They meet once every three weeks at school, and occasionally will meet at a member's house, depending on the given day. The anime club's adviser is Mrs. Sternburg, one of the school's librarians.

"We help with making characters, drawing, coming up with storylines, and so many other things," said Krimmelbein.

The first meeting was a successful one, with several people attending the meeting. The second meeting was a success as well.

"We've only had one meeting thus far, but even so, I can tell by the turn out, it will be lots of fun this year," said Rushing.

Another plan is to center their plans on Cosplay, which is what it is, why they do it, and how to do it.

"One of my favorite things about the club is we're all able to speak freely about different shows and opinions, and not worry about getting shot down," said Krimmelbein. "We all are pretty well acquainted with the shows and styles, so we really do talk things out and just have a good time."

## Peer Support Group offers guidance outside of admissions

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Activities Co-Editor

One of the many unique organizations found at O'Gorman is Peer Support Group. Although it may be something that has not caught the attention of many students in past years, the group is trained and ready for whatever challenges they will face this year.

"It's based on the premise that teens talk to teens before they talk to adults," said Peer Support Group supervisor Sheila McQuade.

Each student at O'Gorman is required to fill out a questionnaire as a freshman. Students are asked to vote for peers in their grade they would feel comfortable talking to. This process allows the group to consist of about half boys and half girls, with a wide variety of interests.

"It's not a popularity contest,"

said McQuade. "We have students from band, oral interp, athletics, and other activities around the school."

The group is trained at Volunteers of America. This experience teaches members to know when it's a good idea to listen, and when they should confide in someone.

Peer Support Group kicked off the school year by hosting the new student luncheon. During the luncheon, members were given the chance to socialize with incoming students. The students were allowed the opportunity for a one-on-one tour of the school with a member from the group.

Members will continue to keep in contact with the new students throughout the school year. Peer Support Group makes phone calls regarding homecoming, Dakota Bowl, magazine sales, semester finals, and any other significant

event at O'Gorman that may differ from other schools.

"We try to help their experience be as stress free as possible," said McQuade.

Peer Support Group is setting goals for the 2009-2010 school year. Instead of meeting sporadically, as they have done in the past, this year the group's supervisors are planning to arrange regularly scheduled meetings. Also, the group is working to bring a speaker to O'Gorman, who will focus on a topic of interest for students.

Because of previous issues with construction, the group has faced problems in the past finding a space to host the speaker. With the completion of the new building, Peer Support Group hopes to bring a speaker to O'Gorman sometime during this school year.

The group members are trained to deal with problems ranging from



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Meg Townsend socializes at the New Student Luncheon.

stress to suicide, and all discussions are kept confidential. Students are invited to approach any member of the group regarding questions they might have.

"In the O'Gorman commu-

nity we're all a family," said junior Meg Townsend. "I want everyone to know if they have a problem they can come talk to me, because that's what Peer Support Group is all about."



# Hofflander brings growth in numbers

## O’Gorman Chess Club hopes for promising year

Taylor Reaves  
Activities Co-Editor

The O’Gorman chess club is making its move. Adam Kleinsasser, Ross Rice, Amy Hagen, Lucas McGowan and seven recent members welcomed their new advisor, Nathan Hofflander, to the club.

“If one of us doesn’t have someone to play with, Mr. Hofflander steps in,” said sophomore Amy Hagen. “He always gives us great tips to help improve our chess games.”

Thursdays after school, students from all grades head to G-106 for chess club practice.

Members spend their time playing two or more games against each other. This utilizes time and equipment in order to have successful practices.

The chess club uses a 4-player chessboard, which includes not only black and white pieces, but silver and gold pieces as well.

No experience is necessary to

be in chess club. The club is equipped with a self-rating system on a scale of one to three, where one is no experience, two is some experience, and three is advanced experience in playing chess.

“We have a very casual atmosphere where the only expectation

**“A big part of spiritual growth is in the service we provide to others.”**

**- Mr. Hofflander**

is to have fun,” said Hofflander.

At practices, members work to be able to plan ahead for moves later in the game.

Players must anticipate the next possible moves, the “What ifs?” of chess, to become true masters of the game.

Hofflander believes patience and good sportsmanship are equally essential in any activity, even chess. When the game is over, members are urged to extend a hand and say “good game” to their opponent.

“Losing isn’t actually a bad thing in chess,” said Hagen. “Mr. Hofflander always says that you learn more when you lose.”

Again this year, the club has the opportunity to assist a Cub Scout group in attaining their chess belt loop.

Members assist the Cub Scouts in identifying the chess pieces, setting up a chessboard for play and demonstrating how to move each chess piece.

In order to attain the chess belt loop, the Cub Scouts must play a full game of chess. However, it does not matter whether the scouts win or lose the game. Helping the scouts gives students more incentive to be involved in



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Students study the chess board as sophomore Jonathan Shaeffer prepares to make his next move.

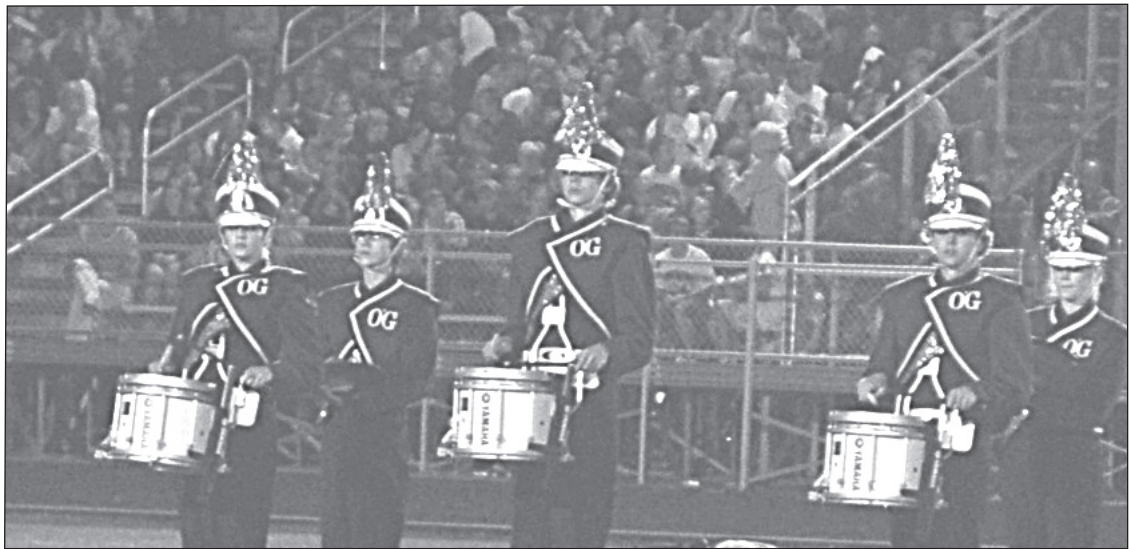
the activity too.

“A big part of spiritual growth is in the service we provide to others,” said Hofflander.

The club is looking at participating in some tournaments. One chess tournament is to be held here at O’Gorman later this year.

**Did you know?**

- The word “checkmate” comes from the Persian phrase “shah mat,” which means “the king is defeated.”
- Chess is called the game of kings, because for many centuries it was played primarily by nobility and the upper classes



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The O’Gorman Drumline performs for a competition.

# O’Gorman drumline ends 2009 season with a bang

JR Stassi  
Sports Co-Editor

O’Gorman will be wrapping up the fall season with a bang, of the drum that is.

The school’s drum line will be performing at the Parade of Lights, a local event that takes place the day after Thanksgiving.

The drum line has been preparing new cadences and material in preparation for their performance. Current marching band drum major Carly Noyes will be rejoining the drum line to perform at the parade as well.

The group is already planning on dressing warmly to deal with the cold weather.

“I’d like to have a snug jacket that keeps me nice and toasty,” said Thomas Motz, a freshman on the drum line.

Senior Tom Laney will be handling section leader duties for the parade.

“It’s going to be a unique bonding experience,” said Laney. “I’m looking forward to drumming up

some friendship.”

Former band director Jim Smith brought up the idea of performing in the parade to the drum line last year, but not enough people were able to participate at the time.

The line has already been practicing twice a week after school to prepare for the show of their careers.

“I’m having a lot of fun practicing with the whole team,” said Laney. “The Parade of Lights show should be a great time had by all, and we want to finish the season on a high note.”

The drum crew plans to incorporate lights into the performance, showing their true Christmas spirit.

“We’d love to be measured on the same scale as Roosevelt and Lincoln,” said Baker. “The Parade of Lights is just going to be good extra practice for us.”

However, exactly what the drum line has been spending so much extra time practicing on for the parade is kept under wraps until show time.

“That’s for us to know and you to not find out until we perform,” said Baker. “Let’s just say it will be legit.”

# All State Choir selects students from each grade

Nicole Scheier  
Faith Co-Editort

On October 30-31 in Rapid City, select students of O’Gorman High School’s choir participated in South Dakota All-State Choir 2009.

During the month of September, chorus students auditioned for the upcoming event. Something different about All-State this year was that the freshmen were invited to try out as well.

“I love the experience of working with kids in grades 9-12 all at one time,” said the choir director Mrs. Cathy Britton.

In order to decide which students would partake in All-State, the choir practiced for three weeks as a large group after spending several weeks learning the new music.

Next the choir was divided into the quartet formations of alto, bass, tenor and soprano.

Four local judges determined who made All-State Choir. After evaluating each quartet separately, the judges chose the top four singers from each group.

Following the judges’ decision, the following students were honored with singing at All-State: freshmen Shelby Bloomer and Seth

Pierce, sophomores Molly Amundson and Jason Nerland, juniors Brittany Dardis, Mackenzie Holm, Joey Johnson, Kristy Kayser, Paul King, Christopher Michels, Natalie Ray, Steven Schaeffer, and Dane Washenberger, and seniors Greg Billion, Julia Schrier, and Maddy Shaft.

Even after these students were accepted to participate in All-State, their work was not finished. They had to prepare and memorize eight new pieces of music.

All-State contains over 1,000 singers from high schools around the state.

Each year a nationally known director is brought to conduct All-State. This year the director was Dr. Kevin Miedl from Wisconsin.

According to Steven Schaeffer, the best part about All-State is the experience.

“You have the opportunity of learning difficult music and performing with hundreds of representatives throughout South Dakota,” said Schaeffer.

Britton’s main goal for her All-State students this year was that they had fun and were well-prepared.



## Golf team stood up to par, ends year

Chris Oligmueller  
Sports Editor

Earlier this month, the boys golf team had an exciting end to a great season. The boy's golf team had competed for a chance to place in state.

The team, coached by Mr. Rod Garrison, started a new season with returning members, such as Troy Busch and Ben Peck, to lead a young, talented team of golfers, including Collin Hammer.

"The team had a difficult time picking who was going to be on the state golf team," said Busch, "We had eight golfers, all of which were capable of shooting scores into the seventies."

The golf team placed fourth at state, which, according to Busch, was what they were expecting of the talented team.

The team didn't leave with only that, but Busch and Hammer also received "All-State" awards.

"It felt good to shoot well for a change," said Busch when asked about receiving his All-State title.

The future of the team looks bright for such a team as this past year.

"Hopefully, in the next couple years, the team will earn a couple state titles," said Busch.

## Knights push into '09 playoffs, hope for victorious finish at Dakota Dome

Abby Meyers  
Activities Editor

Although the Knights started the season with a tough loss against Aberdeen Central, they have been working hard every practice to make sure they reach their goal and end up in the championship game.

With the loss of a core group of seniors from last year, the Knights were very underestimated in their chance of success, but with a regular season record of 7-2, O'Gorman has dominated in most of their regular season games.

"We have exceeded everyone's expectations up to this point," said senior Michael Hardie.

After the Knights slid past the Riders in the 2009 Presidents Bowl, they rolled through most of their games fairly easily, with victory as their reward.

The team continued to dominate with victories against Rapid City Central and Stevens, Sturgis, Spearfish, Yankton and Sioux Falls Lincoln.

Although the Knights ended their regular season with a tough loss against Washington, they are hoping to get revenge at the dome. The next time the Knights would ever face the Warriors would be in the state championship game.

The Knights are undefeated at the Mac and hope to maintain that through the playoffs, which will hopefully continue throughout the next month.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Quarterback Tony Viger avoids Watertown defender.

"We are getting better each week," said head coach Steve Keuter. "That is what has to happen in order to be successful in the playoffs."

The Knights are led by a strong group of seniors who have been practicing and competing hard ever since the beginning of the football season.

"Our seniors are the leaders. They are doing a great job of moving the team forward," said Keuter.

The coaching staff and the players have been working every day to achieve a successful season, and are giving everything they have to make sure they achieve a strong victory towards the end of the season.

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The Knights are also looking forward to playoffs. Like most other teams across the state, they have one major goal: to make it to the Dakota Dome.

"We feel really confident about the upcoming playoff games," said Hardie.

"The team has improved a lot since the beginning of the season, and continues to work hard each day," said Keuter.

With a victory in the first round of playoffs against the Watertown Arrows, the Knights have surely succeeded in maintaining a perfect record at home, and an advance into the second round.

They defeated the Arrows 16-

3 in a competitive matchup. The Knights will continue to push themselves and keep looking towards the future.

"I am always optimistic about how our season will go," said Keuter.

The Knights will host the second round of districts at O'Gorman and if they win that game, they will proceed to the third round of playoffs. If they defeat Roosevelt in the second round, they will play Aberdeen in Aberdeen or Rapid City Stevens at home.

"We're going to have to stay focused, keep working hard in practice, and keep our eye on the prize," said Hardie.

## O'Gorman Y-Ball teams strive for perfection *Brings new energy to court*

Abby Meyers  
Activities Editor

The 2009 Y-ball season is looking to be competitive with many players returning, and also a few new teams bringing their skills to the court.

There are many returning teams to the Y-ball courts this year, such as the Noble Gases, Epic Ballas, or the 2009 girls city champs, The Pterodactyls.

One of the new teams taking the court this year are the Tough Girls.

"We're new this year, so we're going to make sure we work hard every day, condition, run the floor, and also have a lot of two a days," said Tough Girls head coach Kerry Grogan.

Also entering the girls league this year are the Dirty Koalas, which consist of girls from the sophomore class, and the Dank

Dino's who are looking to take down teams with their dinosaur roars.

Some of the returning teams for this season are the Epic Ballas, and the Pterodactyls.

"Our game is in our name," said junior Caitlin Woodard. "We're epic and we're ballers."

The Pterodactyls, which are

**"Our game is in our name," said junior Caitlin Woodard. "We're epic and we're ballers."**

made up of a core group of senior girls, are returning this year with the same goal as last year.

"We were city champs last year, so all of you other teams better watch out," said senior teammate Andrea Petersen.

They have many returning

players and are also adding a few new players to the roster.

A few of the competitive boys teams returning to the courts this year are the Noble Gases and the Goose Knuckles.

The Goose Knuckles, who are coached by senior Jordan Moore, are looking to go undefeated once again this season.

"We have a couple of returning players from last year's undefeated team, and we're hoping to keep up the success," said coach Jordan Moore.

The Noble Gases ended up with a rough season last year and are looking to bring a lot more competition to the floor this winter.

"Our toughest competition last year was the other O'Gorman teams, but this year we are going to dominate!" said senior Pat Brende, who is a player on the Noble Gases.

## Tennis team serves up third win in a row

Domenica Gilbert  
Co-Editor

The O'Gorman girl's tennis team dominated at the state tournament, gaining its title as State Champions for a third year in a row.

The team won five individual titles and one doubles title placing first with a 718-668 point victory over Rapid City Stevens, which has placed second for the past three years.

Although the girls were successful, not all the matches were easy. After having won the first set 6-3, senior Terezia Petraskova fell behind 1-5 in the second set.

"It was my final match and I really had to set my mind to win," said Petraskova. "I was able to focus and mix up my playing style in order to get back in the game."

Petraskova ended the match with an 8-6 tiebreaker setting her as the No. 1 Singles Champion.

Other girls on the team were

successful as well. Juniors Hannah Vandemark and Erin Hoffman attained their third state titles, along with junior Katie Schwebach receiving her first state title.

"All of us juniors have trained together in the summer and play tournaments together," said Vandemark. "It was awesome to see our hard work pay off as we won our first-place titles."

One of the closest matches in the tournament was the final No. 1 doubles match, where Petraskova and junior Meg Townsend took first place.

Petraskova and Townsend won the first set 6-2 against Rapid City Stevens' Sydney Moyle and Kaitlyn Wright, but lost the second set 6-4. The third set was close until the very end, where The O'Gorman girls were able to defeat Stevens with a 7-3 tiebreaker.

"It was probably the most intense match of the season," said Petraskova. "It was a great way to finish off my last year."



## Boys soccer team takes first in state tournament

Shilpa Chandran  
Assistant Editor

After a grueling three games in freezing temperatures, the O'Gorman boys soccer team came home with the gold. Through dedication and focus, the boys won their first state trophy since 2002.

"What's so neat about this year is that basically all the teams that went to the state tournament had a chance of winning," said coach Mike Grossman. "Our guys just did the right thing at the right time to get it done. It was really exciting."

The state tournament, which was held in Aberdeen this year, consisted of three separate games, played respectively on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

"Anyone can win one game, but it's tough to win three in a row," said Grossman.

Their first game against Roosevelt on Thursday was won 3-0

without any complications, but it was their game against Pierre on Friday that truly tested their abilities.

"When we played Pierre, it was a really huge game for us to win," said senior and team captain Zach Johnson. "They had beaten us before the state tournament."

This game went into overtime, during which no one scored and then into penalty kicks to determine the winner.

Following O'Gorman's second victory at 3-1, they were scheduled to play the two-time defending champions from Lincoln high school on Saturday.

"Even if we were seeded at number two going into the tournament, O'Gorman was still flying under the radar," said Johnson. "I think we really surprised people."

Through another round of overtime and penalty kicks, O'Gorman secured the state title with a score of 3-2.

"Our team's energy after winning just exploded," said Johnson. "For me, I had a huge sense of relief. It was a ton of pressure the whole game."

This bombshell victory sprouted not only from skilled ability on the part of the players but also from the leadership within the team itself.

"The captains always told us to wake up during the game when we weren't ready," said sophomore Ramon Gutierrez. "They also played really hard, and it made us play harder."

Senior team captains Zach Johnson, Kameron Keck and Preston Martin were given the task of guiding and motivating this year's team.

"We had good team chemistry over the course of the season, but the seniors really took control of the team, especially captains," said Johnson.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Liz Kappenman and junior Caitlyn Illg block a spike.

## Lady Knights set goals high, hope to win first place

Chris Oligmueller  
Sports Editor

This season seems to be the best the volleyball team has had yet. This year, the team has made great strides, and it seems to be paying off. With a highly talked about team, the Lady Knights seems to be showing that all the hype is true.

"We've worked hard to get to the point where we're at right now," said senior Andrea Peterson.

The volleyball team has been making great efforts to prove that they can compete in the toughest district in the state, which includes four of the top teams. Peterson said that the team is looking at each of those teams as a

challenge, and they are willing to meet it. With district matches on November 4 and November 10, the team is hoping to keep their success going.

"We're going to come out with a lot of heart and put forth our best efforts in our upcoming matches to reach our goal," said Peterson.

The goal of the team is to reach state. The Lady Knights have gone very far and deserve a chance to fight for the state title, according to Peterson.

The volleyball team is a talented group, and with a season such as theirs, it seems as though their goal will be in reach. The girls start their goal of achieving a place in the state tournament on November 4.



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The Sioux Falls Flyers are anticipated to have an impressive season this year.

## Flyers soar into their new season, players prepared for competition

Shilpa Chandran  
Maria Barnett

The Sioux Falls Flyers hockey teams aim for a promising season. Practices began in September with members working an hour to a hour and fifteen minutes per day. Students from O'Gorman who play on the Flyers team include juniors Pierce McDowell, Elliott Czarnecki, and Sean Flynn and sophomores Sam Steffel, Jackson Davis, and Ted Eisiminger.

"There are a lot of levels in hockey, but some just play recreationally," said junior Elliott Czarnecki.

The Sioux Falls Flyers are divided up into multiple teams, including Midwest Varsity, SD Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity, Midwest JV, SD Boys JV, and Girls JV.

Last year's record was impressive for the team, but this year, it is expected to be even stronger. The Varsity Boys Hockey team placed first in state, while the Junior Varsity attained fourth place.

"It was really exciting; there was a big student section," said Czarnecki. "We had our ups and downs, but it was nice to get fourth."

Many players of the team have been involved in hockey since their elementary years.

"I've been on the traveling team since I was about seven years old," said junior Pierce McDowell.

Being involved in hockey from a younger age affords the players the agility needed to keep up with such fast-paced sports. Other than the physical benefits, hockey players achieve a sense of unity within their team.

"Physically, it helps me for football," said McDowell. "But since the season's so long, you get to know people really well too."

Sioux Falls Flyers encompasses players from every Sioux Falls school. This allows for players to interact with people they do not see every day.

"O'Gorman's so small that the majority of people you play with are from public schools," said McDowell. "It's good because it strengthens the team."

With players like McDowell and Czarnecki, the Sioux Falls Flyers hope to continue their success throughout the upcoming season.

## Girls' soccer team reaches state, seniors will continue playing

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Sports Editor

O'Gorman's girls' soccer team finished the 2009 season strong with a sixth place finish at the state tournament.

"We played hard all season long," said coach Ryan Beier. "The seniors have had great careers with two state titles. We will miss their leadership."

The Knights had a good season that earned them a high seed in the tournament. The Knights felt confident with such players as Afton Keiser and Liz Bunkers at the reins of the two-time defending state champs.

The Knights started the tour-

namment with a 3-2 loss in overtime to Aberdeen Central. The team went on to play Roosevelt with a 2-1 win in overtime and ended their season with a 1-0 loss to Washington in a shootout.

In the O'Gorman-Roosevelt game, Afton Keiser played her younger sister.

"Playing my sister is always a lot of fun!" said Afton Keiser. "I mean, it's my little sister! We love to laugh and joke about it."

For many of the players, this is not the end of soccer even though many seniors are graduating. Liz Bunkers plans to play soccer for Augustana, and Afton Keiser will play for the University of South Dakota.





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Brand New released their new album *Daisy* on September 22, 2009.

## Indie band changes music style yet again

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As most major-label bands do, critical success inspires them to become more mainstream and become more radio-friendly. However, for one band, this is not a goal.

Brand New is an alternative rock band based out of Long Island, and they are known for having a distinctive sound that is tough to match, especially out of singer Jesse Lacey and guitarist Vin Accardi's songwriting skills. The band is also known for never making the same album twice. Their first album was pop-punk, their second record was more emo-rock, and their third record was more alternative/indie rock based.

*Daisy*, their fourth record, is their most recent outing that

proves, yet again, they never make the same album twice. This time around, there are moments where it's hard to classify what genre they are going for. One moment, it's soft, indie rock; the next, it's hardcore punk, with screaming galore. The band's never shied away from the occasional scream, but it's more prominent on this album than ever before.

The album begins in a very strange way; yes, even for Brand New. The opening track "Vices" begins with a minute and a half of a gospel hymn by Bertrand Brown, called "On Life's Highway". This segues into a blast of loud, distorted vocals and hardcore punk grooves.

"We've always been interested in putting strange things on the al-

bums," said singer Jesse Lacey, in a recent interview. "We don't do it as much as we would like."

The gospel hymn also appears at the end of the last track on the album, called "Noro". It's more haunting at the end of the album than at the beginning, trust me.

The highlights on this album are easier to point out on this record, which could be good or bad. "You Stole" is an incredible indie-rock track that crosses familiar territory with their previous album, *The Devil and God Are Raging Inside Me*. Its ambient sound makes it a definitive highlight on the album.

First single "At The Bottom" combines elements from everything they've done, which makes sense why it was the first single.

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## Shakespeare play provides laughs, fun: *As You Like It* play performs at Pavilion

Becky Jarding  
Co-Editor

There was much to like about Aquila Theatre's *As You Like It* performance. On Oct. 17, this touring theater company performed Shakespeare's play at the Washington Pavilion.

One of the most impressive aspects of the play was its actors' musical abilities. What could have otherwise been a boring production was brought to life not only with singing but with a generous amount of guitar playing as well.

The music helped not only to liven up the performance but also aided in holding the audience's attention. Whenever the play seemed to hit a dull point, all that was needed to recapture the audience was the strum of the acoustic guitar.

Besides musical inclinations, another talent of the actors was their ability to play numerous roles. Many audience members were unaware of the dual characters until the end of the play.

A cast of seven individuals played nineteen roles. Damian Davis was the most versatile actor, portraying seven different characters.

*As You Like It* succeeded in providing its audience with a fair amount of humor throughout the play.

Touchstone, a clown played

by James Lavender, was easily the most humorous character in the production.

If Lavender's tone of voice and posture were not causing the audience to chuckle, his dance moves most certainly were. One especially humorous scene involved Touchstone quickly changing into the character of Adam, while Orlando held a sheet over him.

Two especially unique features of *As You Like It* were its costumes and setting. All of the actors sported contemporary costumes, unlike the Shakespearean garb that many people had been expecting.

The setting, or lack thereof, was also surprising. Instead of stage scenery, the play relied on confetti and different colors and shades of lighting to set its scenes.

While this sometimes made for a bit of a boring atmosphere, the play's lack of scenery caused the audience to focus more on the actor's abilities and less on the stage's background.

Despite being a bit lengthy and even difficult to stay awake at times, *As You Like It* was a very entertaining production.

The play was filled with talent that was supplemented by its music, humor, and actors' abilities to play multiple roles. The Aquila Theatre was able to creatively portray one of Shakespeare's classic comedies.

## *Twilight* boosts fanbase with latest vampire sequel

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Faith Co-Editor

Ever since MTV released the first clip of *New Moon* in May, *Twilight* fans have been thirsting for any trace of Bella, Jacob and Edward they can get. With the arrival of the second installment of the *Twilight* series just a few weeks away, fans are awaiting with anticipation.

Between a new director, new plot and a few new cast members, fans believe the film looks more promising than the original *Twilight*.

"I think the film looks way better than the first one," said senior Krystal Hearst, an avid *Twilight* fan. "It's a lot darker like a vampire film should be. It looks like they perfected it a lot more, especially with the makeup."

Another reason fans may be excited for the movie is because it looks better than the first movie in the series. Chris Weitz, the new director, also directed the films *About A Boy* and *The Golden Compass*. With a bigger budget and a new perspective fans are looking forward to the changes.

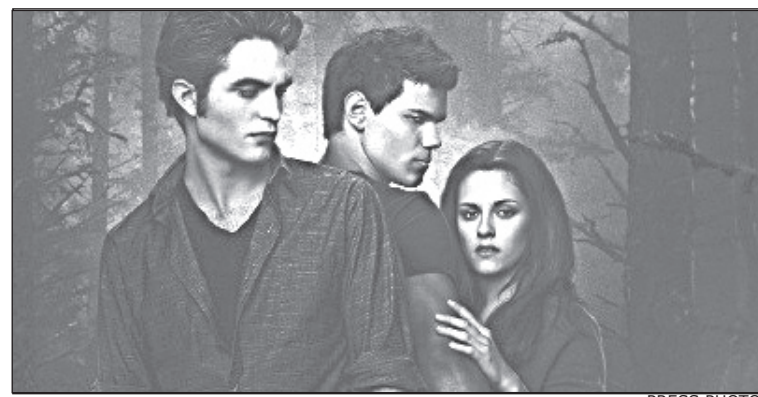
"It will be better because there are better effects and a bigger budget, so the director can do more with it," said senior Meagan Turbak. "The first director was good, but I think he is more creative."

While most *Twilight* fans agree that the new director was for the best, some other ideas didn't sit so well. Die-hard fans went through some serious ups and downs when there were talks of recasting Taylor Lautner, who plays the character of Jacob.

"I think it was a good idea they kept Taylor Lautner because there's nothing more annoying than when you go to a movie and they recast one of the main characters," said Hearst. "Plus he's not bad on the eyes."

As with the first installment in the saga, the Team Edward Team Jacob battle is even more present. With Edward leaving, Jacob has his chance to win Bella over, creating an opportunity for readers to pick a side. The battle between the boys is a fun, conversation-starting topic while waiting those long hours in line for the film debut.

The *Twilight* Saga is especially popular among O'Gorman students. At last year's premiere of *Twilight* many O'Gorman students were found lining the halls of Century Theaters, waiting to see



PRESS PHOTO

*New Moon: Twilight Saga* premieres this November.

Edward and Bella fall in love. This year, expect no different. Two of the midnight showings at Century have already sold out.

Students who are fans of the hit series already have plans made for how they are going to celebrate the movie's debut.

"I'm baking cookies and wait-

ing in line for the midnight premiere," said Turbak.

*New Moon* is projected to bring in much more revenue than its predecessor *Twilight*. Regardless of monetary income, the vampire flick is predicted to sit well with fans and box office charts.



# Boy bands come back with new voice

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Opinion Co-Editor

If you're like me, you hardly listen to the radio. But if you do, you are probably one of millions who are noticing the slight comeback in boy bands.

But why, you may ask. According to Jared Murillo of V Factory, in an interview with the Salt Lake City Tribune, "Boy bands are coming back for a variety of reasons. It has been nearly 10 years since the boy-band craze and the dearth of real good-sounding bands and the absence of 'big name' groups that were popular then."

Former hit band The Backstreet Boys, and up-and-coming band V-Factory are hitting the charts with the familiar a cappella voices and crazy cool dance moves that they have been known for since the late '90s.

On October 6, 2009 the Backstreet Boys released their newest album entitled "This Is Us." So

far, the album's single, Straight Through My Heart, has not done as well as they have done in the past. The only U.S. chart it has appeared on is the Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs, reaching #24, a far cry from their millions of copies sold from their previous singles released.

Even though N\*Sync has not been together since 2002, each member has had a certain amount of success in their own right. Justin Timberlake is a household name with a strong solo career and Joey Fatone has achieved success with his various television appearances as either a host or a TV personality that people can relate to.

"Someday, there'll be an 'N Sync reunion, but I don't think the time is right now," said N\*Sync member Chris Kirkpatrick recently in an interview. "We all love each other — we all care about each other. I'm sure we'll come back."

R & B boy bands such as New Edition are still together, with



PRESS PHOTO

V Factory is a popular new boy-band group.

Bobby Brown's recent rejoining.

Even 80's pop group The New Kids On The Block are reuniting. They have already released two singles in the past year and have

completed a 10 month tour spanning all over North America and Europe.

This sudden turn in the music industry has surely taken us all by

storm. It even leaves some to wonder whether or not it will spark another revolution.

# Taste of the Big Apple: No apples present here

Zach Dresch  
Taylor Reaves

If you're familiar with New York at all, you're aware of good food and abysmal service. A local Sioux Falls restaurant embraces this notion whole-heartedly.

A Taste of the Big Apple, known for its wide variety of pizzas, is located in the downtown railroad district. Immediately upon entrance into the bistro, customers are greeted with a New York atmosphere. Subway signs surround the room, while a jazz band performs in the corner. Although the band accentuates the restaurant's nice, jazzy feel, the level of sound makes it difficult to carry on a conversation.

As far as music goes, a guitarist, drummer and piano player was the main setup for the jazz band in the backdrop of the restaurant. The music was delightfully catchy though, so it was not a complete disappointment.

From heroes to gyros, the restaurant featured many authentic styles of New York cuisine. Besides the specialty New York style medium to thin crust pizza, A Taste of the Big Apple serves stromboli, calzones, lasagna, pasta, and more. For dessert customers can dine on cannolis, gelato, or the famous New York Style Cheese-cake.

Our journalism group began the adventure through the 'big apple' with a mixture of appetizers. It was determined that the



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Students visit A Taste of the Big Apple to see what the New York City-style restaurant has to offer.

school holds far superior garlic cheese bread to the appetizer that was sampled; however, the tomato basil soup was worth tasting.

For the main course, four dif-

**As we asked, "Is tip included?" The manager proceeded to reply, "Nope! So, start digging. Here's the tip jar, filler' up."**

ferent types of pizza were divided among two large pizzas, which was plenty for the five of us. Becky, Domenica, Cameron, and we were allowed to equally sample each selection of pizza.

The group ate chicken alfredo pizza, Canadian bacon and pineapple pizza, pepperoni and sausage pizza, and cheese pizza. Compared

to national chains and other restaurants around the area, the pizza at A Taste of The Big Apple has set a new standard of excellence. The water was mighty fine, too. It was so tasty, and it was water to be desired by many and envied by thousands.

The service was adequate throughout the meal, at least, until it was time to pay. Checks were divided separately. Attitude was included. As Domenica asked, "Is tip included?" The manager proceeded to reply, "Nope! So, start digging. Here's the tip jar, filler' up."

Five people split two large pizzas to total 7.80 per person, without drinks, appetizers, or tip. The food made the experience worth the price; however, the service did not.

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Panic! At The Disco	You, Me, and Everyone We Know
Radiohead	Brand New
Jack Johnson	Justin Nozuka
Newsboys	Tenth Avenue North
Jay-Z	Wale
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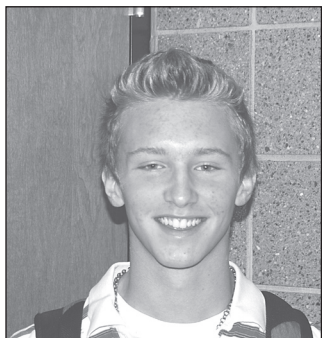


# Photo Survey:

If you could change your name, what would you change it to and why?



“Regan. It’s something different and more unique.”  
-Freshman Maria Anderson



“Gohan... because it’s awesome.”  
-Sophomore Joey Bezenek



“Bridget. I’ve just always liked it - it’s an old Irish name.”  
-Junior Dara O’Donnell



“I’d probably have to change it to Aqua-man.. I think that fits me.”  
- Senior Zach Johnson

# Taylor’s Tips: College Edition

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Activities Co-Editor

Sweat begins to drip down your face. The palms of your hands suddenly become clammy. Your tear ducts begin to accumulate. The dreaded question has been asked, “Where are you going to college?” You have no idea what your future holds! Time is wasting, and you are in dire need of help. And so I bring you, Taylor’s Tips for Teens: College Edition.

**1. Deadlines:** Try to use Thanksgiving as a target date to submit your applications by. If you send your application in early, there’s a greater chance of attaining scholarships and financial aid.

**2. College Visits:** Don’t be the student that realizes on the

first day of school that your college doesn’t offer your major. Always ask every question you have on your visit, and be prepared with questions before you walk in. Remember, research is of the utmost importance. Never attend a college or university you have not visited.

**3. Scholarships:** You can’t get a scholarship if you don’t apply, so be aggressive. Know the difference between ACT scores that can get you admission and get you a scholarship. One point can make all the difference.

**4. Recommendations:** Letters should come from teachers, preferably. If you have been in the same teacher’s class more than once, he or she will be able to attest to your growth and maturity,

or lack thereof. At least two weeks notice is needed for anyone writing a letter.

**5. High School Courses:** Advanced or regular? A or B? Colleges are looking for students who took the most rigorous courses they could handle, while still achieving acceptable grades.

Contrary to what some students think, the day that a guidance counselor comes into your English class is not to be used as a study hall or nap-time. These days provide valuable information to be used in planning for your future.

“The worst thing to do is nothing”, said assistant principal Art Hagg, “It’s a matter of understanding it is a process that will take time, but if you follow the



deadlines, it will go smooth.”

According to the ever-popular television show, “The O.C.,” “There’s no one older than a high school senior, but no one younger than a college freshman.” Seniors, it is now time to prepare for the next phase of your lives. Good luck!



Shoppers line up outside of Best Buy in anticipation of the store’s early opening.

# Black Friday central part of Thanksgiving customs

Becky Jarding  
Co-Editor

Although not as common as carving a turkey, watching the Macy’s Day Parade, or baking half a dozen pumpkin pies, Black Friday is just as much a Thanksgiving tradition as any other November custom. Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving on which stores open as early as 4:00 a.m. to sell doorbuster sale items.

“It’s the mother of all shopping days,” said senior enthusiast Claire Hassel. “It’s exciting! You want to get there as early you can.”

Although many individuals view Black Friday as an insane and pointless day, to others, it is a unique and thrilling experience that is just as much a part of their Thanksgiving celebration as anything else.

“I go shopping on the day after Thanksgiving because it’s the only time anything is actually

affordable in these days,” said junior Carol Schrier. “I see all the good deals, and I can’t help but want to take advantage of those prices.”

Personally, Black Friday has become a tradition that my mother and I partake in together every year, without fail. As soon as we are done cleaning up Thanksgiving dinner, my mother, grandmother, cousins, aunts, and I carefully dissect the local stores’ advertisements for the next day, searching for something worth waiting in line for hours before the sun is even out.

During all the years my mother and I have partaken in Black Friday shopping, I have witnessed the worst come out in certain people. One year, at Lewis Drug, a man snatched the last DVD player out of an innocent, elderly woman’s hands. The woman proceeded to cry that the electronic was the only reason she had woken up so early.

Besides the thievery, rudeness is also evoked. People literally spring up and down store aisles, brutally shoving away anyone who dares to stand between them and their sale item. Numerous injuries, and even death has occurred during this retailer’s nightmare.

Many people wonder why, with the injuries, hostile behaviors, and utter insanity of the whole event, people still are so anxious to participate in Black Friday activities. According to Schrier, it is these bizarre behaviors that add to the Black Friday experience.

“Who doesn’t like to see old people running around stores like chickens with their heads cut off?” said Schrier.

In the end, Black Friday all comes down to the thrill of the hunt and the satisfaction that comes with securing a sale item one had to work hard to acquire.

# Top Ten: Words you didn’t know were in the dictionary

**1. boanthropy-** a type of insanity in which a man thinks he is an ox

**2. dibble-** to drink like a duck, lifting up the head after each sip.

**3. eosophobia-** fear of dawn

**4. euneirophrenia-** peace of mind after a pleasant dream.

**5. groak-** to watch people silently while they are eating, hoping they will ask you to join them

**6. eyeservice-** work done only when the boss is watching

**7. pilgarlic-** a bald head that looks like a peeled garlic

**8. oniochaliasia-** buying as a means of mental relaxation

**9. resistentialism-** seemingly spiteful behavior manifested by inanimate objects.

**10. suppadaneum-** a foot support for crucifix victims.



## Scroll Mascot writes in to readers of the paper

Randolph Demitri Upperlip-Salisbury, Esq.  
Scroll Mascot

Hello there, children. This is your old pal, Randolph. Welcome to the second issue of the *Knight Scroll*, the best issue yet of the new school year. I think you'll take a liking to this one.

The new stories featured in this issue of the paper will knock your socks off, much like mine whenever I fall off my bed. Sadly, this happens every morning, when I wake up at 4 am to have my bacon and eggs.

Mr. V. has helped the journalism team put together a fine piece of work here. I'm almost proud of every single one of you.

I would be fully proud, but due to my asthma, I'm not able to breathe right now. Nevertheless,

November's paper will be the best you have seen thus far this year.

A lot of time was put into writing this paper. While Mr. V. was describing his newly purchased pants and shirts from Old Navy, the *Scroll* staff was diligently working to fine-tune the paper's designs.

When the *Scroll* staff discovered that they had a little bit of extra space in this issue, they politely inquired of me and asked if I would write another update. It is that very update which you are now so very privileged to be reading.

No offense to the rest of the journalism team, but this is the best article you will read in the entire paper. Ah, I'm just kidding, no need to get all shaken up.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, I am anxiously awaiting the feast that comes along with

the holiday. Thankfully, all fifty of my grandchildren will be coming to my humble abode to celebrate with me. My mouth is watering just thinking of all the delicious food I will be consuming.

Once Thanksgiving is over, it's just less than a month until Christmas. How exciting!

Well everybody, it's been fun catching up with all of you and keeping you up to date on my life.

Thank you so much and keep reading! I must attend to my 5 cats and watch the History Channel. I hear they're doing a special on the Civil War. That was a good time period for me! The best day of my life was when I met Abraham Lincoln! (He's not exactly as nice as people say he is, but oh well, it was an honor.) Tootles, everyone!



MARIA BARNETT/KNIGHT SCROLL

The Cathedral in Sioux Falls undergoes renovations.

### BAND

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The chorus has trademark vocal-layering harmonies that make Brand New so memorable in every aspect. Second track "Bed" also is a highlight because the song has the ability to grow on you every single time, with Lacey's soft, tender, yet disturbing vocals, making it so catchy that it's scary.

The album's second half is weaker in the sense that a couple of songs feel like filler, but they

must just take time to grow and get used to. That's Brand New's trick. It's difficult to get into their music immediately. It just has to become familiar over time. This album is no different in that aspect. There is a lot of screaming in the album, but at least it's more ambient than it is annoying, which is the way screaming should be done.

Daisy has its ups and downs, and it's not exactly a masterpiece like 2003's *Deja Entendu*, but it's still worth a few listens. *Deja Entendu* is the standard of comparing

Brand New albums for me personally because it was so distinct and original in its own right.

Yes, the album may be unsettling and uncomfortable to listen to at first (example: track number 6, "Be Gone"), but that's Brand New's charm in the most interesting way possible because repeated listens are more appreciated in the long run. Their ability to turn heads is what makes them such a brilliant band in the first place. No matter what they do, it will always be a gem no matter what.

### CATHEDRAL

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The angels that can be seen in the ceiling of the church above the altar lift the body of Christ to Heaven in order for transubstantiation to take place. Finally, the twelve apostles are looking toward the altar as a sign of its significance to the Mass.

Numerous artists are completing the restoration, and most of them do not have a Catholic background. This is obvious because

during the early stages of painting, an artist accidentally painted the host blue. Fr. Fitzpatrick noticed the mistake and had it corrected in no time.

Romanesque and French Renaissance architecture bring out the original design, which was never completely finished. Nevertheless, the process of restoring the Cathedral into the original vision for the Church will take a very long time. The church is projected to be finished in August 2011.

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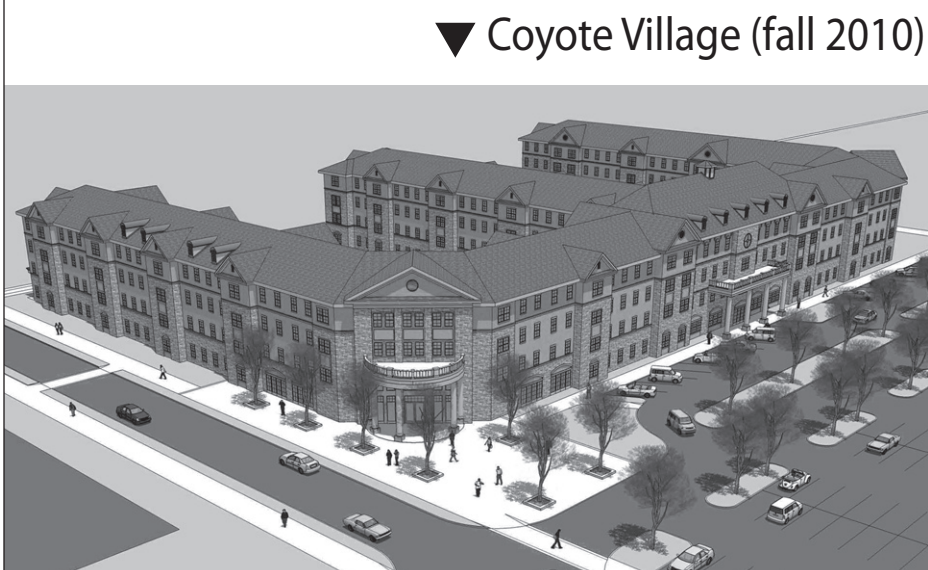
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